

**Sacramento River Conservation Area Forum
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes**

September 15, 2005
3:00 p.m.

Monday Afternoon Club
Willows, CA

Chair Marc Faye called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m., followed by self-introductions. It was determined there was not a quorum of voting members present (underlined).

<u>County</u>	<u>Public Interest</u>	<u>Landowner</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Butte	<u>Jane Dolan</u>	<u>Shirley Lewis</u>	
Colusa	(Gary Evans)	<u>Ben Carter</u>	
Glenn	(Denny Bungarz)	<u>Don Anderson</u>	
Shasta	(Glenn Hawes)	(Dan Gover)	
Sutter	(Dan Silva)	(Russell Young)	
Tehama	(Ron Warner)	(Brendon Flynn)	
Yolo	<u>Duane Chamberlain</u>	<u>Marc Faye</u>	
Resources Agency			(Jim McKeivitt)
Cal DWR			Stacy Cepello
Cal DFG			<u>Diana Jacobs</u>
State Reclamation Board			(Pete Rabbon)
USF&WS			Darrin Thome for Ken Sanchez
USCOE			(Mark Charlton)
Bureau of Reclamation			Frank Michny

Names listed in parentheses represent absences
Manager Burt Bundy
Assistant Ellen Gentry
Resource Conservation Assistant Beverley Anderson-Abbs

Other attendees: Kristin Carter, CSUC Research Foundation; Les Heringer, M&T Ranch; Kevin Forester, Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge Complex (NWRC); John Merz, Sacramento River Preservation Trust (SRPT); Dan Efseaff, River Partners; Vicki Newlin, California Bay Delta Authority (CBDA); Anjanette Martin, TAC Chair.

2. Unscheduled Matters – Kevin Forrester, Sacramento NWRP, reported the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has developed a Final Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP), Finding of No Significant Impact, and a Summary of the CCP for the Sacramento River NWR. A link to the Final CCP and its Appendices, and associated documents is available online and at county libraries. A Ribbon cutting and grand opening, co-hosted by River Partners and TNC, will be held October 13, 4:00-7:00PM at River Park.

Diana Jacobs reported Tim Ramirez is leaving state service to work in San Francisco. She suggested the board recognize his efforts.

John Merz, SRPT, distributed the 2005 Fall Events Calendar. For details, go to the Events page of their website, www.sacrivetrust.org.

3. Consent Calendar - With no quorum at today's meeting, the consent calendar will be addressed at the next board meeting.

4. Agency Reports - Frank Michny reported Battle Creek is drawing to a close.

Diana Jacobs reviewed CalFed changes and the CBDA review. She noted some of the monies left in the two year draft plan have been earmarked. An authority meeting is scheduled for October. Vickie Newlin added the Little Hoover Commission has a report out on the website asking for response. The independent consultant report is deliverable mid-September. The governor's recommendations will be out in January.

Darrin Thome reported Ken Sanchez is on vacation. The CVPIA habitat restoration and open period starts today, and closes December 15. Handouts were made available.

Frank Michny noted that Michael Ryan, US Bureau of Reclamation Northern California Area Manager in Redding, has been selected as the new Great Plains Regional Director in Montana. He will be replaced by Brian Person October 1.

Dan Efseaff, River Partners, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the feasibility study for the Llano Seco Riparian Restoration and PCGID Pumping Plant Protection. He discussed the alternative to extend rock at RM 174 in order to protect the plant from river meander. The comment period ended August 25 for the draft report. The restoration plan will be included in the next round of modeling.

Burt gave an update on gathering information for the CalFed ERP PSP. As a result of the change in the 60 day period, regular board meeting dates are affected. Les Heringer of M&T, and State Parks for Big Chico Creek, have both asked to be on the October agenda. Burt suggested that the Board meet Oct 20, and Dec 1. Jane noted that she would not be available for Oct 20 and asked that staff poll the Board for Oct 19 or 20. Burt agreed to do so.

5. Board Committee Reports – Anjanette Martin distributed her letter of resignation as TAC chair, citing a change in employment and her disappointment in resolution to landowner impacts, hard points and PILT. Discussion ensued regarding the TAC process. Darrin Thome pointed out that Legaci funds served as a springboard for landowner issues and that the TAC looks at technical aspects of projects. Diana added that if the SRCAF pursues Safe Harbor, it could help address impacts with endangered species. It was suggested the board recognize Anjanette's efforts.

Stacy Cepello reported on the TAC. He reviewed the SRCA Cross-Boundary and Associated Special Status Wildlife Species Issues. He noted that showing focus on certain species would help to eliminate fears, since not all species will pose problems. He added that Cross Boundary information is needed for the PSP baseline studies.

6. Future Meeting Dates – The next board meeting is scheduled for October 20, 2005, however, Burt will poll the board to verify the meeting date for a quorum. The following meeting will be held December 1, 2005.